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In response to the Final Office Action dated April 24, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 24, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The Pending Claims are shown in a listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.